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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Briefing of Speaker Albert

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Accompanied by [] of OLC, []
[] I prepared to brief Speaker Carl Albert on matters of common Soviet-US concern in preparation for the trip he and other Congressmen are making to the Soviet Union, Romania and Yugoslavia. [] got seven minutes into his speech with the Speaker when Mr. Albert was called out, never to return. We spent the next hour briefing--at a somewhat lower level--Albert's uncleared staff aides, Mrs. Albert, and a (to me) unidentified Congressional wife. Happily, the principal aide, Mrs. English, was relatively well-informed and (on the other side of the office) the other aides appeared to be asking intelligent questions too, with Mrs. Albert contributing her share of questions and comparisons with her China visit. A stenotypist attempted to preserve simultaneous conversations by [] We appear to have exhausted the questioners and ourselves, to everyone's satisfaction. We had earlier delivered [] written observations on major issues to Frank Slatinshek of Congressman Price's office, who is putting together briefing packages for the tour group, and on Friday [] will discuss Soviet agriculture with Rep. Foley, who is a member of the group. I undertook to send down a paper on the current scene in Spain--where Albert will be spending three days' rest on the way back in a sentimental journey to the site of his Oxford summer vacations. A briefing cable prepared for Ambassador Bruce by [] will do nicely.

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